

REMARKS

This application has been amended, and the same is believed to be in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

Applicants have amended the claims of the present application prior to examination on the merits to improve the condition of the claims. Examination on the merits at the earliest opportunity is respectfully requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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